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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David S. Sumida et al.

Appl. No : 09/894,347

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For: "GUIDED MODE LASER
APPARATUS WITH IMPROVED
CLADDING STRUCTURE AND
A METHOD OF FABRICATING
THEREOF"

) Examiner: Pak, Sung H.

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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action issued December 19, 2002. Please amend the claims as indicated below. An IDS filed on even date herewith is also being submitted in this matter under separate cover. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 21 without prejudice. Please add new claims 25-26. Excess claim fees are attended to with an accompanying check.

A listing of all pending claims with amendments is presented on the following pages. The REMARKS section of this response discusses the specific amendments made to the claims.